

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING SYSTEM  
RESOURCES IN AN INFORMATION HANDLING SYSTEM**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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A method and apparatus for managing a resource in an information handling system in which one or more processes are utilizing the resource. The current utilization of the resource is determined and compared with a predetermined maximum utilization set for the resource, either for the system as a whole or for a particular process executing on the system. A message is generated if 10 the current utilization of the resource reaches any one of a plurality of predetermined fractional thresholds relative to the predetermined maximum utilization set for the resource. An operator command allows the messages to be displayed for all resources or just for system-wide resources, or to be suppressed entirely. Another operator command allows the operator to obtain a display of current resource utilization, the peak ("high water") utilization since the last reset, and the maximum resource utilization, either for the system as a whole or for a particular process. Yet 15 another operator command allows the operator to change a usage limit for a particular process without affecting other processes.